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REMARKS

This application is a U.S. national phase application, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371, of international application No. PCT/US2004/022114, published in English on January 27, 2005 as international publication No. WO 2005/007522 A2, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/486,160, filed July 10, 2003. Page 1 of the specification has been amended to add the priority claim as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.78 and to provide this cross-reference to related applications. The specification has also been amended to correct various formatting and typographical errors and to amend the Summary of the Invention section to reflect the amendments to the claims made herewith.

Consideration of the above identified application in view of the preceding amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-10 are pending. Claims 1, 4-7, 9 and 10 have been amended. Applicants assert that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed, or similar claims, in one or more copending patent applications.

Any additional fees or overpayments due as a result of filing of the present paper may be applied to Deposit Account No. 50-2616. It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims as amended in this application are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

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If after reviewing this Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters the undersigned attorney may be contacted at the number set forth herein below.

Respectfully submitted,

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